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MH to release fire hall tender

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It's been talked about for years and in coming weeks, Minden Hills township will put out a tender for the construction of a new fire hall.

The current, aging fire hall is located between Prince Street and Pritchard Lane in Minden's downtown. The new facility will be built along Highway 35 in Minden near the county's EMS base on a piece of property Minden Hills purchased from the County of Haliburton last year. The township paid about \$360,000 for the land, representing half of what it cost Haliburton County to purchase the five-acre, former Walker's Auto Repair property and extend the Minden Hills water and sewer system to the site.

The fire hall building task force made visits to the fire halls in Port Sydney and Port Carling and the Town of Huntsville agreed to share the plans for the Port Sydney hall, on which the Minden Hills facility will be based.

While the Port Sydney hall has three bays, fire chief Doug Schell said Minden Hills would be looking at the option of a fourth bay in its building.

As Schell told councillors during a July 28 meeting, on Aug. 5 the township will issue a pre-qualifying tender for design and construction. The submission period will close two weeks later on Aug. 19. An invitational

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Running for housing

The 10K runners burst from the starting gate at this year's Highland Yard in downtown Minden. More on page 18.
HUW MORGAN Special to the Times

Scott's Dam Bridge to come down

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Scott's Dam Bridge at Canning Lake will be demolished when the federal government reconstructs the Canning Lake dam.

It was announced earlier this summer the feds will invest another \$270 million upgrading Trent Severn Waterway infrastructure, some \$40 million of that allotted for

work on dams in Haliburton County that are part of the TSW feeder system. Most of that work is scheduled to take place next year.

Next to the dam at Canning Lake – which will receive a \$3-million overhaul – is the Scott's Dam Bridge. Built in 1930, the single-lane bridge is no longer used for vehicle traffic but is used as a pedestrian walkway.

As part of the work on the dam, Parks Canada has offered to demolish the bridge,

adding a walkway to the top of the rehabilitated dam at Canning Lake.

"In order to facilitate construction on the dam we are proposing to remove the bridge as part of the project costs," reads a June 23 letter from Parks Canada. "To foster a good relationship with the community and the township, Parks Canada Agency is prepared

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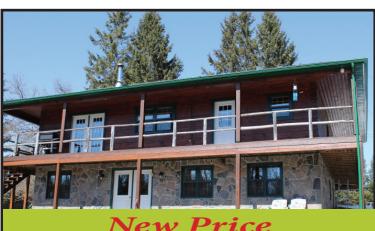


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County council hears renewable energy policy

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

“

The economic issue has great potential for both the townships and the county.

— MIKE JOHNSON

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Members of Minden Hills's renewable energy task force presented their renewable energy policy to Haliburton County council on July 27 and it seems like before long, the county's other lower-tier townships may be adopting the policy themselves.

Task force member Mike Johnson spoke to councillors at last Wednesday's meeting.

Amid of a deluge of applications for feed-in tariff (FIT) projects last year, Minden Hills council decided to strike a task force to create some kind of framework for assessing project proposals.

Minden Hills council approved that policy in principle in June 2.

The purpose of the policy is not only to establish priorities for the township to consider when reviewing renewable energy projects, but also to encourage local education on renewable energy and create demonstration projects in hopes of promoting renewable energy practises and energy conservation by residents and businesses.

Johnson stressed the intertwined environmental, social and economic benefits of renewable energy.

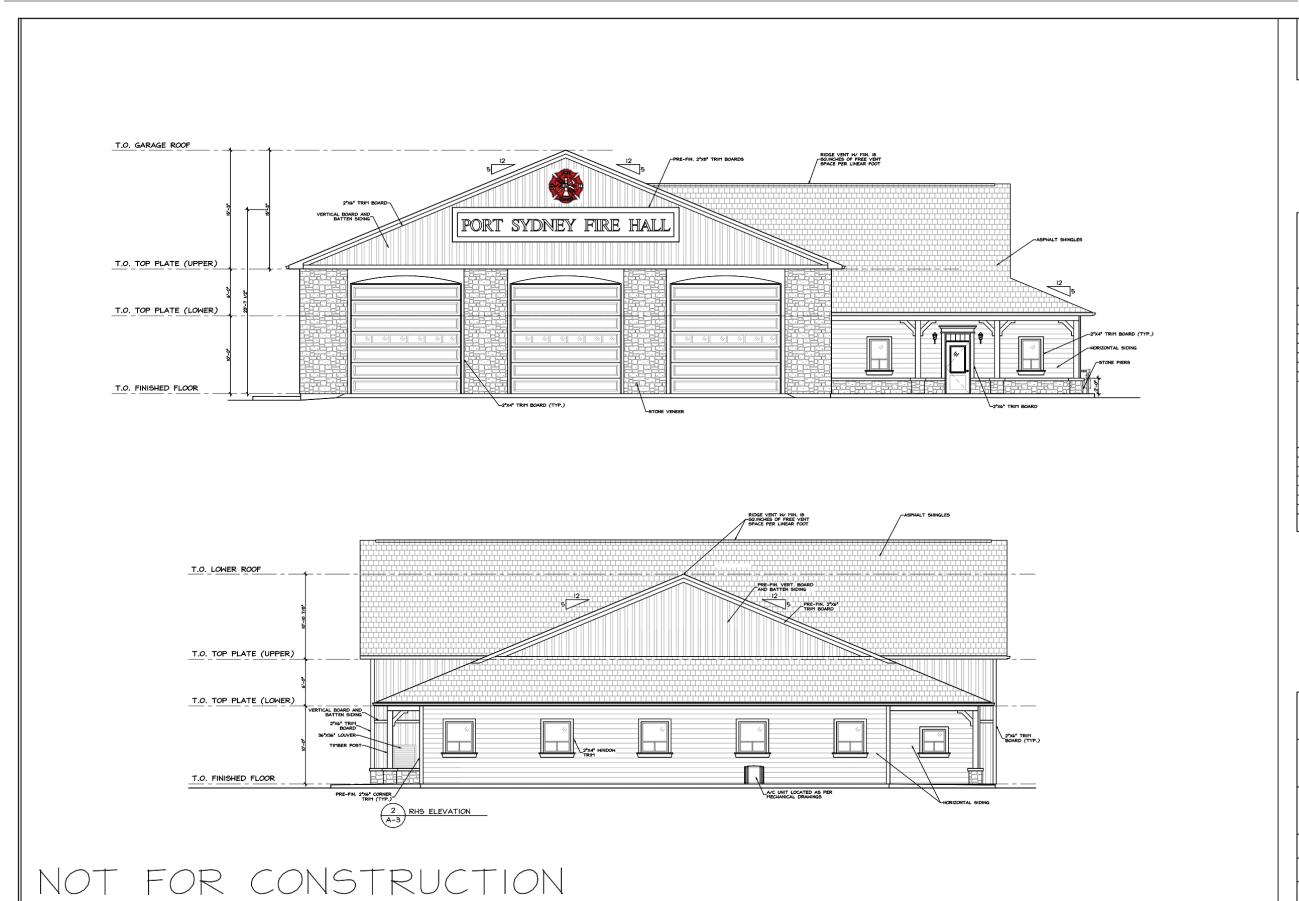
“The economic issue has great potential for both the townships and the county,” he said, referencing recent comments from Bank of England governor Mark Carney that initia-

tives to battle climate change represent a multi-trillion-dollar industry.

“Within our four municipalities, we have great works going on,” said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, adding he'd like to hear presentations from the other three townships about what's going on in those municipalities. “So we don't end up working in silos.”

“No one has to re-invent the wheel,” said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt, who suggested the Minden Hills policy could be passed to the other lower-tier townships to use as a starting point.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested the task force take its presentation to the lower-tier councils.



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Minden Hills's new fire hall will be based on the Port Sydney fire hall, plans for which are seen here.

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Contract to be awarded this fall

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tender will then go out to qualifying bidders on Sept. 9, with the window closing Sept. 26.

It is expected council will award the contract to the winning bidder at its Oct. 27 council meeting.

Cost of bridge repair exceeds replacement cost

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to incorporate a pedestrian walkway as part of the dam construction works."

That was an offer Minden Hills councilors gratefully accepted during their July 28 meeting.

"As long as the pedestrian traffic is allowed across it, we are as happy as clams," said Reeve Brent Devolin.

A report from roads staff noted the deteriorated condition of the bridge, including exposed rebar and protruding metal.

"Staff recognize the historic value of the bridge, however, the cost of repair exceeds the cost of replacement, including a walking bridge," the report read.



Scott's Dam Bridge, built in 1930 and now used only as a pedestrian walkway, will be demolished when Parks Canada performs a \$3-million rehabilitation of the Canning Lake dam. A walkway will be installed on the dam. CHAD INGRAM Staff

County without ambulances on multiple occasions

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Eight times in the first six months of 2016 there were zero ambulances available in Haliburton County, those incidents equating to a total of 12 hours.

EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones delivered that news to county council as he presented a report of call volumes for the first half of the year during a July 27 meeting.

"It's difficult to call people in at night," Jones said. "It's a balancing act, it's a struggle."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve and Haliburton County Warden Carol Moffatt wondered where the tipping point was, how long it would be before the municipality would have to increase the number of manned ambulances available.

"In reality, how far away is that for us?" Moffatt asked.

Jones said it was difficult to provide an exact timeframe and that while obviously the ideal situation is to never be without an available ambulance, "that's a perfect world, and no one can do that. It's a balance of risk mitigation."

The county has one 24-hour and one 12-hour ambulance stationed at its base in Haliburton village, one 24-hour ambulance at its Minden base and one 12-hour ambulance at its base in Tory Hill.

"Call volumes continue to rise," Jones said, explaining they were up seven per cent over 2015 and have risen nearly 16 per cent since 2014.

Seventy-five per cent of patients are over the age of 60 and the most common type of call is for falls.

So far this year, the Haliburton base has handled more than twice as many calls as either the Minden or Tory Hill bases, which Jones pointed out is because the Haliburton base is equipped with twice as many ambulances.

During the first six months of 2016, the Haliburton base received 1,723 calls, the Minden base 781 and the Tory Hill base 535.

Meeting and exceeding response time targets is more easily achieved in Minden Hills and Dysart et al townships due to the presence of bases and that those townships are more densely populated than Highlands East and Algonquin Highlands.

In Algonquin Highlands, response times targets are not being met in any category.

"Geography and availability of resources to this area are the primary reasons," Jones's report read.

Moffatt asked what could be done to meet targets in Algonquin Highlands and Jones responded that having a 24-hour ambulance stationed in the township would really be the only way.

The average response time in Algonquin Highlands is 17 minutes and 34 seconds. The average for Highlands East is 16 minutes 32 seconds; for Minden Hills 10 minutes 32 seconds; and for Dysart et al, eight minutes and 48 seconds.

Overall for the county, 40 per cent of the time, paramedics are getting to patients within eight minutes.

Under the department's deployment plan, Jones said the number of non-urgent transfers out of the county have been reduced.

"Some of those transfers can take three hours," he said.

Due to the lack of certain services at the county's hospitals, some patients must be transferred out of the county to locations such as Lindsay, Peterborough and sometimes Toronto.

While the number of calls Haliburton paramedics have responded to outside county borders has fallen to 124 versus 150 after the first six months of 2015, the number of calls inside the county being handled by other EMS providers has risen from 132 to 150.

An issue with call prioritization that Jones said many Ontario paramedic chiefs are advocating to have changed deals with the classification of Code 4 calls. Code 4 calls are life-threatening emergencies. Many of them don't turn out to be life-threatening emergencies, however, but once an ambulance is assigned to a Code 4 call, it cannot be reassigned.

"Of our 1,131 patient-carrying calls, 56 per cent of them were dispatched as a life-threatening emergency Code 4," Jones's report reads. "In alarming contrast, we only returned on a Code 4 14 per cent of the time. The provincially developed dispatch tool 'over prioritizes' calls. This negatively affects the availability of resources to respond as once an ambulance is assigned to a Code 4, it cannot be reassigned. If the tool over prioritized less, it would allow for the more efficient and medically appropriate allocation of the county's ambulances."

Councillors resolved to send a correspondence to the province regarding the Code 4 issue.

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CoKL wants more cash from county

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The City of Kawartha Lakes is seeking amendments to its joint service agreement with Haliburton County, amendments that would cost the county an additional \$100,000 or so a year.

Social services and housing for Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes are handled jointly through the latter.

The joint social services and housing advisory committee is recommending the county pay more for housing and for administration costs for the housing portfolio.

"The most significant impacts to the County of Haliburton result from the changes in the housing portfolio," a July 27 report from county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter reads. "In the past, costs were allocated based on each party's proportionate share of the assessed value of the properties. This amendment proposes to allocate costs based on the number of units. It was the opinion of staff that this more closely reflects 'benefit' to each party, and is more appropriate at it is the number of units that actually drives costs. Based on 2016 budget number, this would increase the county's share by \$21,022."

Increased administrative payments for the county would

amount to more than \$75,000.

"The proposed amendment also includes a provision for the county to pay a share of administration costs for the housing portfolio," Rutter's report continues. "It is our understanding this has not been the case in the past. The administrative costs are proposed to be cost-shared based on the number of units. Based on the 2016 budget numbers, this would increase the county's share by \$75,766."

Rutter's report did suggest those costs would be mitigated by provincial uploading.

"Staff do not have projected budget numbers for 2017 at this point, but it is expected that the upload of costs by the provincial government will reduce the overall impact of these cost increases substantially," the report reads. "We cannot, however, quantify those impacts at this time."

County councillors want more detail as to where the municipality's share of administration costs would be spent.

"I was there when we did the memorandum of understanding, when the city became the service provider," Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said during a July 27 council meeting.

That agreement, between the Haliburton County and the former Victoria County was first executed in 1999, with the successive agreements or amendments made with the amalgamated City of Kawartha Lakes in 2001, 2006 and 2011.

"I guess it was felt the fairest way to do it was based on as-

essment and ability to pay," Fearrey said. "I'm not saying it shouldn't change and I'm not saying it's not fair."

What Fearrey wants to see is where the administrative costs would be spent.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin agreed.

"Value paid for services provided and how we get to it is through some level of transparency," Devolin said. "We'd like to see the numbers. I'd like you to paint more of the picture."

There is another joint advisory committee meeting in September and Rutter told councillors a report with further information would likely come forward at council's September meeting.

The county paid approximately \$1.8 million for social services and housing in 2016.

Spring flooding costs MH \$65K

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a July 28 Minden Hills council meeting.

Flooding this spring cost the township about about \$65,000, roads superintendent Travis Wilson told councillors.

"We had quite a few road closures and a lot of damage done to the roads," Wilson said.

A report from the roads superintendent showed 331 regular hours and 108 overtime hours worked in the roads department dealing with flooding and flood damage.

Among the projects is a culvert along Blairhampton Road that must be replaced at the amount of \$15,000 and a culvert along Invergordon Avenue that must be replaced to the tune of \$12,000.

Drainage studies

The township will embark on a series of drainage studies looking for solutions for areas of Minden Hills prone to springtime flooding, most located in low-lying areas. The studies will define natural water courses, provide cost estimates for proposed works and provide proof of due diligence for flood prevention. Studies will be conducted for Moore Lake Estates, Peck Street, Prince Street and Beaver Creek and cost approximately \$90,000.

Trail improvements

Council granted Whitewater Ontario permission to make improvements to a trail on township property at the Minden Wild Water Preserve.

Changes will include the addition of wood chips to the trails, the construction of rock steps for access to the river and picnic tables and benches that will become the responsibility of the township.

The Horseshoe Lake dam, located at the site, is being replaced by Parks Canada and Reeve Brent Devolin noted the new structure will include a public walkway and said the project by Whitewater Ontario would dovetail with the work on the dam.

Councillor Pam Sayne said it was important for the area to retain its natural aesthetic.

"That's why people go there," Sayne said.

Triathlon cancelled

The Stanhope Fire Fighters Association will not be holding its annual triathlon this year.

The event, which has taken place for several years, is a fundraiser for fire services equipment.

"We have been honoured to organize and host the annual triathlon and ATV poker run for the past years," reads a release from association president Rylie Sloan. "These have been very successful fundraisers and the equipment provided to the fire hall from this funding is very useful and appreciated. Our membership has held great satisfaction in providing community events for people near and far to enjoy."

The release says the association hopes to reinstate the event in the future.

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Deck the hall

IT'S A NARRATIVE that's unfolded over several years, spanning the terms of multiple Minden Hills councils.

This month, the township will begin the process of seeking bids for the design and construction of a new fire hall. It's expected a contract will be awarded in October.

This is great news for the community for a couple of reasons.

First, with its location along the Highway 35 corridor, the new hall should help reduce response times for the fire department. The current hall's location in Minden's downtown can leave trucks susceptible to the traffic congestion that comes with summer in the Haliburton Highlands.

A location along the highway will also move fire services out of Minden's floodplain. The current hall is vulnerable to high waters during the springtime and, many will recall, sustained significant damage during the catastrophic flood of 2013.

The new facility will put the township's base out of the reach of the Gull River and provide the fire department a modern, state-of-the-art space for equipment storage, training, etc.

The second advantage to moving fire services out of the

downtown core is that it will free up the real estate occupied by the current hall. It's located on a municipally owned property on the block bordered by Milne, Prince and St. Germaine streets, along with Pritchard Lane. With the exception of one vacant, privately owned lot, the township owns the rest of that block. The remainder is also vacant, once home to a rental unit operated by the municipality

and the historic Pritchard House, which council concluded was beyond the scope of repair. Both were demolished in December.

If the township is able to acquire the one privately owned property that is part

of that block, it would create an ideal setting for a civic space in the heart of the village.

Think trees, benches, picnic tables. Think fountain. Think band shell. Minden has no outdoor performing arts venue in the downtown.

There could also be a monument to the Pritchard House, which was once home to members of one of Minden's prominent, pioneering families.

The relocation of the fire hall creates the opportunity for a civic space that accommodates Minden's future while paying respect to its past.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

KWARKY



Kim Wark

When fish get lucky

YESTERDAY, I WAS on a local lake fly fishing for bass and did OK too. I lost a really good fish right at my feet – clearly my best fish of the year – and caught and released quite around 15 or so lesser bass in the 12 to 14 inch range. Luckily, on my way back to the landing I hooked into a good fish to save the day.

This was one of those happy events that anglers like me dream of.

You see, there were about a dozen people on the landing and I suspect they were giggling at me since I was fishing from an inflatable pontoon boat – which is the bass angler's version of a clown car.

Don't get me wrong; these little one-seater boats are great, if only because deflated, they fit nicely in the back of my vehicle. You use oars and scuba fins to propel the boat. And they go hand in hand with a fly rod too.

The problem is they also cause people in big boats to change course and drive across the lake to have a closer look.

Then, they inevitably say things like, "Huh!" or "Cute," "Did the big ship go down?" or "Where are the other survivors?" And when you combine this little watercraft with fly fishing, people start to think you are eccentric.

That's why I was quite happy to hook into a very respectable fish for the lake I was on. The fish hit the fly hard and put on quite a show for those watching. It fought hard and jumped several times, which is always a crowd pleaser.

I landed it with my five-weight rod soon enough and was quite pleased with myself since I had promised to bring one home for dinner. That's why I left it in my net



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

which hung between my knees in the water, kicked my fins hard and beached at the landing.

Once there a few people congratulated me on catching a nice fish.

Then disaster struck.

A polite young mother and her three adorable little kids – three years or less I'm guessing, came over and had a look at the fish.

Then, I'm guessing the oldest one said, "Mommy, is he going to let the fish go?"

She told her child it was my decision. But it wasn't really. As I was about to put the fish on ice, I looked up and saw three of the cutest sets of eyes looking at me with something that I can only describe as hope.

For the fish, this was the equivalent of a last minute reprieve from the governor.

I looked at the kids and said, "Come here and watch me let this fish go."

And we did. It took a bit of reviving but not much since it hardly left the water and was very recently caught.

I'll be honest with you though; I was quietly praying that the fish would go belly up so I could look at the kids and say, "Well, we tried..."

But it was not to be. Soon that fish was showing a lot of life and, not long after, swam away no worse for wear.

Maybe I'm getting soft, but it seemed a fair trade for the smiles and clapping those little kids offered.

We ate pork chops that night instead. And even though mine was not the tenderest of cuts, I still felt good about it.

I just hope those kids are not around during deer season.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Home runs and history

IN COOPERSTOWN, NEW YORK it's all baseball. All baseball, all the time. All baseball everywhere.

I'm part of the baseball mania here, cheering for my grandson and his team, the Orinda Thunder from the San Francisco area. Thunder is one of 104 teams competing in a week-long national tournament for 12-year-olds.

There are, by my guess, 1,500 youngsters playing the game day and night on 25 very professional-looking ball fields. When they are not on the fields the players are lining up to get into the world famous National Baseball Hall of Fame on the village's main street.

Yes, village. Cooperstown is a village, cuddling the foothills of the Catskill Mountains. Population 1,800, which explodes to 50,000 during times of baseball mania. One short main street. One traffic light.

Baseball is fun and so is being around 12-year-olds. However, too much of anything is not healthy, so I sneak away from the baseball action to find something interesting, other than baseball, about Cooperstown.

On Pioneer Street, not far from the Hall of Fame, I pass an ancient building. It is the Tunnicliff Inn, Est. 1802, and on the large front window is painted: The James Fenimore Cooper Dining Room.

Of course, James Fenimore Cooper (1759 -1851) the famous American author! I skip down to the village library to discover if he had a connection to the village. Connection indeed. His dad, William, founded the frontier settlement in the late 1700s and James lived there on and off for much of his life.

James Fenimore Cooper was the United States' first famous novelist, writing 32 novels about the roughness and romance of frontier life. Some of his more popular efforts: *The Deerslayer*, *The Pathfinder*, *The Last of the Mohicans*.

His daughter, Susan Fenimore Cooper, also was a writer, and an amateur naturalist. She wrote mainly about country living and nature in a time when nature was much more natural.

Her most important achievement, however, was founding a home for orphans and destitute children. It was established in a large house on the shore on Otsego Lake and across from the village cemetery.

All intriguing history but nagging my reporter's mind is how a village with one traffic light became the Mecca of baseball.

Craig Muder, Hall of Fame communications director, has the answer, which he shares with the Orinda Thunder sluggers during a visit to baseball's shrine.

A misty piece of folklore had it that Abner Doubleday, an army general, invented the game for his troops encamped at Cooperstown back in 1839. The legend, nourished by some bad research, grew and was accepted by major league baseball owners and fans.

The Cooperstown area also was known for growing hops used to brew beer. But by the early 1930s, Prohibition and the Depression had knocked the stuffing out of the Cooperstown economy.

Enter Stephen C. Clark, a Wall Street financier who had a home in Cooperstown. He was the owner of what was known as the "Doubleday Ball," which the legend said General Doubleday and his troops used for the first baseball game back in 1839.

He displayed the ball at the Cooperstown Village Club, which began collecting donated baseball artifacts. Clark proposed a national baseball museum for Cooperstown and in 1939 the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum became a reality.

It is impossible to say where first baseball game was played. That's because it grew out of Rounders, an English stick and ball game dating back to the early 1700s.

Certainly one of the earliest forms of North America baseball was played in Canada. The Canadian Encyclopedia says that a baseball-type game was played June 4, 1838 in Beachville, in southwestern Ontario. That was two years before the Doubleday game in Cooperstown and seven years before the birth of the New York Knickerbockers and the "New York game," which introduced nine-man teams.

No matter where the first baseball was pitched, Cooperstown is an excellent venue to celebrate the game. It is here that young players every summer learn about team play, and how wholesome sport can build better citizens.

As Craig Muder told the Thunder players: "Baseball stands for something."

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letters to the editor

Correcting the electoral system

To the Editor,

"The Climate Crisis: Where's the Action?" I am looking forward to Elizabeth May's presentation in Minden on Thursday, Aug. 25 but there is a simple answer to the question posed. Action in Canada is stuck in the morass of winner take all politics. Imagine where we would be if the Green Party had been fairly rewarded with representation according to the votes it received when it was first created. I put this to Elizabeth May in a recent email and received the following answer. "I receive a much larger volume of correspondence (postal and email) than the average MP. My office replied to over 400,000 pieces of correspondence 2014. All emails are reviewed on a regular basis, however due to the high

volume of emails my office receives, I may not be able to respond personally to each one." That is another reason for fairer representation of environmental ideas. A significant number of people across the country are interested in them but only one person is available in the Green Party to respond. Another reason? In the last federal election the Green Party only polled about 3.4 per cent of the votes cast country wide, down from previous elections. People who look for environmental solutions have abandoned the Green Party in discouragement and our political conversation has suffered. So let's get on with correcting this problem our electoral system has created for us.

Jim Milne

Thanks for the flowers

To the Editor,

We would like to profusely thank all of the folks who purchase, plant, water and tend all of the flowers and plants that adorn downtown

Minden. The main street is the prettiest it has been in years. Many thanks.

Scotty and Jane Boyd
Minden

Winsley family reunion draws 60

To the Editor,

On July 30 weekend the Merrithews celebrated a family reunion at the home of John and Audrie (nee Merrithew) Winsley. The 60 who vacationed in the Haliburton Highlands came from across Canada, USA and England and ranged in age from two to 86. This branch of the Merrithews resided in Plaster Rock New Brunswick on the Tobique River and consisted of five boys and two girls: Robert, Pauline, Wilbert, John, Helen, Daniel

and Arthur. These folks proved to be hard-working, family and faith-oriented people. Several of the boys were in the construction business and were involved in building bridges and roads ie the Renous Highway in New Brunswick. Women tended to be teachers or nurses. Wilbert Merrithew was killed as a pilot in Second World War. The newer generation were in the RCMP, engineers, electricians, etc.

The Winsley family



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LAKE PROTECTORS' CORNER

Practical lake protector tips

We all care about the health of our lakes but who is looking after lake health? Governments of all stripes are cutting back on the people and programs that used to protect our lakes and give us up to date data on lake health indicators. Lake associations can help fill this void but only if all of us step up individually and become Lake Protectors. What can we do to make a difference? The CHA has some of the most knowledgeable lake health scientists in Canada as scientific advisors and we asked them that the question. Based on their advice here are the most powerful steps you can take to protect your lake.

Keep your septic system healthy

Septics are the No. 1 contributor of phosphorous to our lakes in Haliburton County – the more phosphorous the greater the chance of an algae blooms. Take 20 minutes and watch “Poop Talk” at <https://vimeo.com/channels/lakeprotectors/63522168> and then take action by:

- Keeping anything that can kill bacteria out of your septic system.
- Minimize and spread out the use of water.
- Have your system inspected by an inspector who will take the lid off and do a proper physical inspection.
- Have your tank pumped every three to five years.

Renaturalize your shoreline – natural shorelines deliver incredible benefits

- Filtering out pollutants such as phosphorous before it gets into the lake.
- Providing habitat for all sorts of life that supports healthy loons, frogs, fish etc. Remember 80 to 90 per cent of all life in your lake depends on natural shorelines.
- Learn about the importance of natural shorelines by watching the “Ribbon of Life” at <https://vimeo.com/channels/lakeprotectors/90929405>.
- Keep in mind even a small area with native plants will help. If you have grass to the lake simply stop cutting all or part of it and nature will renaturalize the area over time.

Vote for people who care about and will act to protect our lakes municipally, provincially and federally

The last few years have seen major cutbacks at organizations that are responsible for lake health such as the MNRF, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and many more. The CHA has the opportunity to work with many of these organizations

and know that the people left are passionate about their jobs and work very hard. They need our support. Let the politicians know that the health of your lake is very important to you.

Support your lake association

The volunteers who hold positions with our local lake associations are fabulous people who give up much of their personal time to be Lake Protectors. They need your support.

- Volunteer for as little as one to two hours a year and help out.
- Stop them on the street or at your AGM and say thank you. Trust me, it will mean a lot.

If each of us becomes a Lake Protector, our children will be able to enjoy some of our favourite things:

The call of the loon

Frogs by the shore

Swimming in a clear, clean lake

Author Paul MacInnes, chair of the CHA, is a passionate Lake Protector.

To hear more useful information for lake lovers, tune in to Canoe FM to hear Highlands Cottage, a segment with news from cottagers' associations, environmental topics and cottage living tips. It runs Friday at 4:30 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.

Article provided by CHA. For more information, resources and tips, go to www.cohpoa.org.

Lake Calendar

To include your lake association's events in this free listing, email them to classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Kids Bingo

Starts Tuesday July 12 7 p.m., ends Tuesday Aug. 16

Location: HLCA Hall, 5041 Haliburton Lake Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Rock Bass Fishing Derby

Starts: Sunday, July 24, ends Sunday, Aug. 14 weigh in 12 to 12:30 p.m.

Location: Public Beach South End Haliburton Lake, Hodgson Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottage Association

Fort Irwin Residents Association Pancake Breakfast

Date: Saturday August 20, 9 am to noon, sumptuous breakfast of pancakes and sausages, juice and coffee or tea

Location: FIRA Hall, 5821 Haliburton Lake Road
Submitted by Haliburton Lake Cottagers Association

Cottage Succession Seminar

When: Sunday, August 21, 10:00 am - noon

Where: Irondale Community Centre
This event is FREE to members of FOCA and the Salerno (Devil's) Lake Cottagers' Association, or \$10 at the door for non-members. Featuring Peter Lillico – Estate Planning Lawyer ~ "If your goal is to keep your family in the cottage for future generations, my goal is to help you develop an agreement to secure a lasting and successful succession, avoid family friction and to prevent 'For Sale' signs sprouting." and learn how to "Keep the 'Family' in the Family Cottage" Please pre-register with FOCA to secure your space: info@foca.on.ca or call 705-749-3622
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County council responds to superintendent

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County councillors will be sending a letter to OPP municipal policing bureau superintendent Marc Bedard, taking issue with a recent letter to the editor Bedard sent to the Haliburton Echo.

In May, Haliburton County lodged a complaint with Ontario's ombudsman over the OPP billing formula the province introduced in 2015. County councillors contend the formula is flawed, unfairly impacting cottage country communities since seasonal residences are weighted the same as year-round homes.

The collective OPP bill of the county's four lower-tier townships is nearly doubling from approximately \$3 million to approximately \$6 million during the five-year phase-in of the formula.

"At the root of our concern with the new formula is the fact that base costs are allocated on a 'per household' basis that includes residential units, farmlands on which a farm residence exists, and seasonal dwelling units," the county's submission. "In addition, the formula takes into account fully occupied commercial and industrial business properties. We believe the calculation of households is systemically un-

I'm not sure why a person of that stature in the organization would hijack our position

— COUNTY WARDEN CAROL MOFFATT

fair for a number of reasons."

The submission went on to discuss in detail the municipality's concerns.

Weeks later, a letter to the editor from Bedard was published in the Echo, calling the formula equitable and, in his words, "clarifying" some details from a story on the correspondence to the ombudsman.

"The OPP has been providing policing services for well over a century in Ontario and to the people of Haliburton Highlands and takes pride in the results of the OPP's most

recent community satisfaction survey rate at 95.6 per cent," Bedard's letter read.

Councillors took issue with what they said were factual inaccuracies in the letter, as well as the implication the county is unhappy with the OPP's service.

"I'm in favour of writing Mr. Bedard and informing him that never have we ever said anything about the OPP," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey. "This is about the formula. We're not satisfied with the formula."

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Daniels agreed.

"We don't fight our battles in the newspaper, but I was concerned about the inaccuracies in the letter and the fact that it makes it sound like we have an issue with the OPP themselves," Daniels said.

Councillors reiterated the county is pleased with the service it receives from the OPP.

Both Fearrey and Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt questioned the appropriateness of Bedard's letter in the first place.

"I think it's inappropriate, first of all, that he even wrote a letter," Fearrey said. "That's just my opinion."

"I think it was inappropriate," Moffatt said. "I'm not sure why a person of that stature in the organization felt the need to hijack our position, which has never been, as you've already said, against the local officers."

Waterloo man charged with stunt driving

On Saturday, July 30, just before 1 p.m. the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police was patrolling on Highway 118 in the Township of Minden Hills when a motorist was observed travelling at a high rate of speed.

The officer measured the eastbound motor vehicle, a grey Toyota, to be travelling at more than 50 kilometres over the

posted speed limit.

A 54-year-old man from Waterloo was charged with racing a motor vehicle, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act. The vehicle he was driving was impounded and his driver's licence was seized and suspended for seven days, as required by the stunt driving legislation.

Speeding more than 50km/h over posted speed limit is considered stunt racing. Stunt driving was added to the Ontario Highway Traffic act in 2007. The penalties for stunt driving also include a fine between \$2,000 and \$10,000 dollars, possible drivers' license suspension up to two years on first conviction.

Get educated on Hepatitis C, health unit says

While there are many different varieties of hepatitis, two types in particular – Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C – can lead to serious liver disease problems in people. That's why the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is encouraging local residents to realize the importance of prevention, testing and treatment for the disease. People are asked to 'know your status. Get tested. Learn your options.'

"Many people are unaware they have hepatitis, and can unknowingly spread the virus to others," says Joanne Paynter, a public health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit. "If you think you may be at risk of hepatitis, ask to be tested so that you can get the appropriate medical follow-up that is needed."

Hepatitis may lead to liver failure, cancer and cirrhosis. Hepatitis B and C can result from exposure to contaminated blood or bodily fluids containing blood. This can occur through the sharing of needles, pipes, unsterile body piercing and tattoo equipment, personal hygiene items such as razors, and through blood transfusions done prior to 1990.

To prevent the spread of viral hepatitis, the health unit encourages people not to share drug equipment such as needles. The health unit supplies free safe injection and inhalation kits to reduce the spread of diseases like hepatitis.

Other ways to reduce contracting hepatitis are to avoid having unprotected sex and sharing personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, nail clippers and razors. Vaccination against Hepatitis B is also advised as a means to protect people from the disease. Although no vaccine exists for Hepatitis C, medical advances mean this strain of the disease is treatable and curable in most cases when detected early.

"Hepatitis can have devastating effects on the liver, so it's important to get tested if you think you are at risk,"

Paynter adds. "This will ensure early diagnosis and effective treatment."

To learn more about hepatitis testing and treatment, speak to your local health care provider or contact the health unit at 1-866-888-4577.

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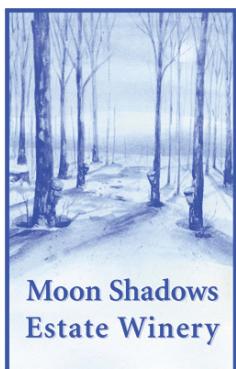
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Toronto's Burn community hosted the Ontario Regional Burn, in Minden, over the weekend.
SARAH VANCE Special to the Times

Mooseman lights up Minden Hills

by SARAH VANCE
Special to the Times

Minden was a destination for hundreds of festival-goers known as "burners" over the weekend, who transformed the scorching hills into a playa of activities, ranging from live theatre, performance art, dance, and other sorts of sundry fun.

The word playa means a populated landform, and Minden's Mooseman Burn, did just this as hundreds of tents, along with mobile stages and laser light shows, were set up at random points along trails that extended deep into the Haliburton County wilderness.

Toronto's Burning Man Community hosts this and other festivals, which share common principles and which build in momentum and then culminate with massive life-like effigies being burned.

Minden's Mooseman included a wooden moose sculpture that was built on-site by travelling journeymen, who apply ancient Bavarian skills.

And other skills were shared – workshops on everything from foreplay; conflict resolution; to blacksmithing trades such as how to pound an iron railway spike, until it becomes a blade.

The four-day Mooseman Burn event comes with a manual that outlines burning man etiquette, which truly boils down to honouring the environment – by leaving no trace – and respecting the attitudes, as well as the space and privacy of others.

Radical participation is woven into the ethos of Burns, which are hosted across the continent and throughout the

world.

And despite the fact that they might be engaged in radical participation, participants are expected to be able to take care of themselves, and are responsible for upholding group norms.

It's about asking permission and getting invitations – while respecting the differences of others.

That said, radical participation is a prerequisite at a Burn, with participants dressing in costumes and dabbling in pop-up parties in playa such as Clown Town or Hammockville.

Gifting is also involved, with participants hosting lavish parties with generous offerings of food and entertainment at no cost.

Andy Campbell, executive director of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, notes a relationship between arts festivals and the local economy.

"Being cottage country and a tourist area these events are part of the fabric of our community. The business community depends on these activities as they draw people into our villages. Hopefully these people then spend some money which then circulates around the township."

Ontario is a destination for travel tourists who are estimated to include more than 5.1 million overnight visitors a year and who contribute approximately \$400 million to the economy.

"We're currently developing a county-wide survey which will be targeted to the travelling consumer," said Amanda Virtanen, director of tourism, for the County of Haliburton.

For those who transformed the Minden Hills into lavish playa, it was radical participation that was the currency of exchange over the weekend.

Homelessness count seeks volunteers

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Are you couch surfing? Living in a shelter? Homeless?

The 20,000 Homes Campaign would like to hear from you.

The City of Kawartha Lakes, which is the social and housing services provider for both the City and the County of Haliburton, is joining the 20,000 Homes Campaign, a program that aims to house 20,000 of Canada's most vulnerable people by July 1, 2018.

That process will involve undertaking a homelessness count in both municipalities, which will begin in August.

There are various categories of homelessness, from the unsheltered – people living out on the street, or in places not designed for human habitation – to the emergency sheltered to the provisionally accommodated – those who have found temporary lodging with others.

The goal locally is to house 24 vulnerable people through a Housing First program by July 1, 2018.

Those in precarious housing situations are invited to take a survey, which will take about 10 minutes to fill out.

There are numerous locations in the county where the survey can be filled out, Monday, Aug. 22 through Wednesday, Aug. 24.

In Minden, people can visit the YWCA on Bobcaygeon Road, FourCAST, the John Howard Society, Mental Health Services and the Minden Food Bank. Those locations can be visited all three days of the survey, with the exception of the food bank on Tuesday, Aug. 23, as it will be closed.

In Haliburton village, the survey can be filled out at the social services offices on Maple Avenue during all three days of the survey.

Surveys will also be available at the 4Cs on Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In Cardiff, the survey will be available at the food bank from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23 and in Wilberforce, from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24.

The branches of the Haliburton County Public Library will also be locations for the survey. The Cardiff, Gooderham, Highland Grove and Minden branches can be visited

Tuesday, Aug. 23 at various times.

At the Cardiff branch, the survey will be available from 3 to 5 p.m.; at the Gooderham branch from 6 to 8 p.m.; at the Highland Grove branch from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; and the Minden branch from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, Aug. 24, the Dorset, Dysart, Stanhope and Wilberforce branches will be survey sites. The Dorset branch can be visited between 3 and 5 p.m.; Dysart between 5 and 7 p.m.; Stanhope between 1 and 3 p.m.; and the Wilberforce branch between

5 and 7 p.m.

There will also be a survey event at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Invergordon Avenue on Tuesday, Aug. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. and one in Head Lake Park in Haliburton later that day, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Those who take part in the survey will receive a \$5 gift card for Tim Hortons.

For more information, visit 20kHomesCKLH@gmail.com.

The importance of sleep

Arianna Huffington, co-founder of the *Huffington Post*, has jumped on the “we need more sleep” bandwagon in a big way. She has written a book called the Sleep Revolution. She believes our society is in a sleep deprivation crisis. How do you mess with the opinion of someone who has attained such a level of success? You don’t, especially since she learned the hard way. It was a fall that resulted in broken cheekbone that changed her way of doing things. That fall was due to exhaustion, and lack of sleep.

Yet another opportunity to learn from someone else’s mistake. We have become programmed to believe sleeping is a waste of time. Research demonstrates the opposite! Adults require seven to eight hours of sleep per night. Sure, there is a percentage of the population that requires less, but it is a very small percentage. Where do you fit in? Are you being honest with your answer?

“Sleep is that golden chain that ties health and our bodies together” ~ Thomas Dekker

Sleep is critical to our health. It gives our brains a chance to rejuvenate. Don’t you feel



LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

so much better after a great night’s sleep? When our brains are working well our moods improve. Problem solving is so much easier. We are much more effective with our use of time. Three cheers for productivity!

We are physically stronger when we give our bodies a chance to rest. Our muscles, our bones, and all of the systems that keep us growing have a chance to heal from the craziness of our lives. That type of healing only happens during the various sleep cycles.

Once again, we are reminded that there are no short cuts to good health!

Sleep really is the best medicine. Do yourself a favour tonight – turn-off the electronics (TV, phone, tablet, computer) 45 minutes earlier than your usual time, climb into bed, think good thoughts, close your eyes, and enjoy where your dreams take you.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and Spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of Ottawa’s The Point for Fitness.

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Hot dog anyone? Family Fun Day participants line up at Ingoldsby Park for a perfectly roasted wiener. The annual event, hosted by the Canning Lake Property Owners Association on July 30 this year, donates all leftover funds to a local charity. ANGELA LONG Staff



Canning Lake Property Owners Association secretary Janice Rose, left, and CLPOA board member Wendy Hymus helped organize Family Fun Day. Rose said 20 volunteers helped organize the event, which included three-legged races, soccer baseball, a raffle, and lots of fun. The CLPOA was formed in 1962 and is known for fundraising events, such as Kayak Canning, and an emphasis on the area's rich history.

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Lois Rigney, former cottager and resident of Canning Lake since 1994, gives out prizes at the Canning Lake Property Owners Association annual Fun Day. The original fun day was held at Rigney's cottage more than 40 years ago. Rigney says she loves the cottagers as she "can't stand to see real estate sitting empty."



A hot July afternoon doesn't stop the fun at Family Fun Day. Competitors race for the finish line of the three-legged race.

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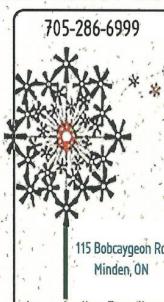
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Throwing cares away at Kushog

It's not as easy as it looks. The adults give water balloon tossing a go at the KLPOA annual picnic on July 30. After a successful toss, competitors move closer toward one another, toss, and hope they don't get splashed. ANGELA LONG Staff

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Feel like tossing a water balloon? Just ask Kushog Lake Property Owners Association volunteer Cindy Miller. The KLPOA annual picnic held at Pine Spring Valley Resort on July 30 kept nearly 100 picnic-goers busy with water balloon tosses, a decorated boat contest, noodle races, and more.



Let the games begin at the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association annual picnic held at Pine Spring Valley Resort on July 30.



"Ready, set, toss!" calls games announcer Mike Finucan. On Saturday, July 30, the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association annual picnic was filled with flying water balloons, tug-o-wars and three-legged leaps. The nearly 60-year tradition took place at Pine Spring Valley Resort.

Cheers to nearly 60 years of tradition. Elinor Hamilton, left, one of the Kushog Lake Property Owners Association directors, has been coming to Kushog Lake since 1952 and remembers when the annual picnic first began. Volunteer John Chick has been a cottager here since 2006. They were selling raffle tickets at the KLPOA event held at Pine Spring Valley Resort on July 30.

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Clockwise from left: With British stiff-upper-lip reserve, Willy Banbury, played by Tom Regina, waits for Julia Sterroll, Emma Phillips, to complete her histrionics. Jane Banbury, left, played by Myrna McBrien and Julia Sterroll, right, Emma Phillips, share a laugh. Pru Donaldson, the maid Saunders in the play *Fallen Angels*.

/Photos by Lorne Campbell



Fallen Angels descend on festival

Times were certainly different in the 1920s when playwright Noël Coward was testing the boundaries with the play *Fallen Angels*.

The period farce is currently on stage as part of the Highlands Summer Festival's season.

Back then, pre-marital affairs were certainly frowned on and were rarely spoken of. But following the end of the First World War and the onset of the "Roaring Twenties," the moral landscape was changing. It was a perfect setting for satirist Noël Coward to exercise his sharp wit. His play, *Fallen Angels* is a prime example of his satire at work and, although tame to us almost 100 years later, it was a play that raised some eyebrows in its time. It provides an intriguing snapshot of an era long gone.

Julia Sterroll and Jane Banbury, played by Emma Phillips and Myrna McBrien, have settled comfortably into married

life, although they both admit that perhaps some of the early passion that marks the start of wedded life has faded. Their husbands, Fred and Willy, Kevin Scarf and Tom Regina, are heading out on a golfing weekend when the ladies receive postcards from a dashing Frenchman who they both dated and bedded prior to their marriage. Maurice Duclos, played by Peter Smith, is in town and wants to meet them.

They two are all aflutter as they prepare to get reacquainted with this man with whom they had enjoyed a passionate fling. The two swing madly between anticipated rekindled passion and self-admonition for even thinking of straying beyond their marital bounds. As they await Maurice's arrival, they spiral into a drunken argument that seems to end their friendship as they struggle with their feelings over their lover from years ago.

Calmly floating through this turmoil, is a new maid in the

Sterroll household, Saunders, who seems to know everything, from how to cure a wicked hangover to surviving the blistering heat of the desert. But more than that, Saunders, played by Pru Donaldson, who also directed the production, is a bemused observer of the whirlwind created by the return of Julia and Jane's lover.

Fallen Angels is a sunny fun-filled romp, with a gorgeous set and fabulous period costumes, that brings the Highlands Summer Festival season to a close between now and Aug. 12. (*Miss Caledonia*, which is on the board for three days, only has seats left for the Sunday performance. The Monday and Tuesday shows are already sold out.)

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Above, a grateful tenant of Places for People, Angie Wilson speaks to the audience. Left, Team Solnik participated in this year's run: Dave Solnik, Mitch Solnik, Ken Solnik, Joy Webster.



MC Greg Roe got things started at Minden's Highland Yard.



No. 145, Jen Russel Houston from Calgary, happy to reach the finish. HUW MORGAN Special to the Times

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Hustling for housing

The 2K runners start their race at the annual Highland Yard in Minden. Runners raised funds to support affordable housing in Haliburton County, which is provided by the charitable group Places for People. HUW MORGAN Special to the Times



Above, Evelyn Morrison with Jack Russel at the presentation to oldest female runner at Highland Yard in Minden on July 21.

Right, MC Greg Roe interviews Monica Gervais at the Highland Yard race.



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Where: Minden Community Centre, 55 Park Street, Minden
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Campfire Concert Series with David Archibald and Three Musketeers Youth Musical Group

Presented by Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation
When: Saturday, Aug. 13, 2 p.m. special children's concert, 7:30 p.m. Evening concert with campfire, beer garden
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Harvesting fruits of the spirit



The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE heard ...

Well, it's hard to believe we are halfway through the summer. In less than six months it will be Christmas! This heat wave that has engulfed us has many of us putting off tasks and chores, as it is too hot to exert oneself.

This thinking led me down the thought path of "Do we, as Christians, at times, not exert ourselves in our beliefs, tasks, words, and actions, because it is hard, embarrassing, or for other reasons? Is it easier to just blend in, and not always have to defend our beliefs?" Sometimes it is, but does that mean we should? Of course not.

We need to always be trying our best to bring Christ's love to a broken world. There are many ways we can proclaim our faith, put it into action, while trying to be more Christ like.

One of the scriptures I try to live by, is the fruits of the spirit, found in Gal: 5: 22-23. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."

The fruits of the spirit are different from spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts are the gifts God has empowered each of us with, such as teaching, preaching, administration, healing, hospitality, and many others. We all have God-given gifts and they are different for each of us.

The fruits of the spirit are the same gifts, and God has given them to each of us. They are the fruits of the soul, the person, the heart. They can be developed and matured, but I must admit developing and maturing these gifts, at times, can leave me a little hot under the collar. No pun intended.

Even in the heat of the moment, in the middle of a dif-

ficult situation, one can draw from these gifts to be a caring example of Christ's love. As St. Francis of Assisi said, "Go out into the world, and preach the gospel, if necessary, use words." What a wonderful concept, and imagine the changes we could bring to our lives, our communities, and world, if our actions, and love, spoke to the gifts of the spirit and our faith.

I will leave you with this thought as we work to develop and mature our gifts of the spirit. I saw this on a church sign, in the middle of a heat wave, such as we are, and it made me chuckle.

"And you think it's hot here!"

Blessings

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Music by the Gull gets town hoppin'

Music by the Gull featured the *Minden Times*'s Chad Ingram, middle, Tim Tofflemire on drums and Hugh Taylor on cornet. Music by the Gull is each Friday at the corner of Bobcaygeon and Water streets in Minden at 7 p.m. This week's musician is Jeff Moulton. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

OPP attend 100 calls on long weekend

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment attended in excess of 100 calls for service this past holiday weekend. Many of the events involved motor vehicles, ATVs, boats and watercraft.

As a result of these contacts several charges were laid which included liquor offences, excessive speed, and lack of helmet use.

The Haliburton Highlands OPP would like to remind everyone that these activities can go from great enjoyment to tragedy when mixed together.

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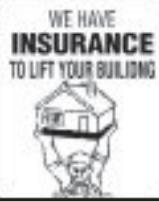
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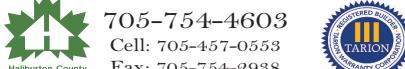
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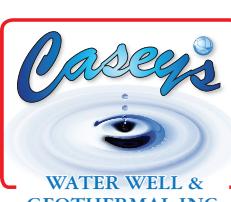
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AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse we continue to sing the praises of the Minden hospital emergency department. Thursday evening while returning home from a belated birthday dinner with good friends it became apparent that Bruce was not well. So, after some concerted arm twisting we headed for Minden where the hospital staff determined that the bacterial infection cellulitis was the culprit. He was admitted and other than having to endure his large frame snugly pressed against the side rails of the narrow stretcher overnight recovered well responding to the antibiotics. Released the next morning he returned that evening for a second dose then home on oral meds. The care received was state of the art. Considering that Bruce had been a member of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's board back when the two hospitals were being built and equipped it was particularly satisfying for him to directly experience the excellent service provided. The only complaint other than that narrow plinth was that he didn't get a "bravery bear" which the Kinmount Artisans Guild provides to the emergency department staff in the hope of softening a sometimes uncomfortable experience for patients both large and small, young and old.

A reminder that every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. Kinmount's Music in the Park series continues on the stage beside the Burnt River in the Picnic Pavilion area of Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Bring along your family, neighbours and lawn chairs and enjoy different featured musicians performing each week. Also for country music fans the next Country Music Jamboree comes up on Sunday, Aug. 14 at the Coboconk Legion from 1 to 5 p.m.. Hosted by the Country Hot Flashes plus Scott Russell and Ron Lister here is an opportunity to also share your talents over an afternoon of classic country music, open mic, square dancing and more with food provided by the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary. Admission is \$8 at the door and the next Jamboree is already scheduled for Sept. 11.

Kinmount's Main Street will be a busy spot this Saturday,

Aug. 6 from 4 to 9 p.m. as the annual Family Funfest provides activities for all ages. There will be music, exhibits, vendors, games and crafts with a chance to show your Kinmount trivia savvy and enter the contest for a \$25 gift Certificate to spend at the Artisans Marketplace. There are spaces for vendors, yard sales and community groups along the route at no charge and if interested please give Lynne a call at 705-488-2919.

The monthly book sale by the Friends of the Kinmount Library is held on the third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the lower level of the branch. On Aug. 20 plan to check out the book bargains to be purchased by donation and also the outdoor Reading Garden and new access pathway. For Library hours, programs and services give Mary Ann a call at 705-488-3199.

While all the large retail stores are competing for back to school shoppers here is a different story. Some time ago I wrote in the column about a friend's daughter teaching in the far north. Her school is located in the tiny Arctic town of Kuugiaruk, Nunavut with students from kindergarten to Grade 12. Cheryl who cottages with her family here on Crystal Lake has been successful in obtaining a large grant from Indigo's Love of Reading Program to refurbish the school's library resources. While teachers are required back at school by mid August apparently the children do not return until later still out with their families preparing for the lengthy winter ahead. So now here the knitting needles are clicking away making warm tuques to be worn under those beautiful smiling parka-clad faces in the photos she kindly sent along. Warm socks are also on the wish list but I personally avoid projects which come in pairs.

By the way if you see Minden's Milly Struik on Aug. 11 be sure to wish her a Happy Birthday. Milly is active at Minden United Church, leads a weekly painting class and is a valued founding member of the Kinmount Artisans Guild. Her quilts, sewing and knitted articles which include wonderful stuffed dolls/toys can be viewed at the Artisans Marketplace. Remember if you have a special person or occasion to be mentioned in this column please give me a call.

In the meantime keep busy and well. They go together...

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

July 25 contract bridge at Stanhope: Top honours went to Barbara Stead 5,540, Bruce Armstrong 5,480, Pearl Foster 4,560 and Ev Morgan 3,990. Joy Wilson was awarded the Lucky Loonie while Sandy McKay and Elaine Burbidge teamed up for a Small Slam. Thanks to our interim bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh for her three sets of results in this column.

July 26 contract bridge at Minden United Church: From Nancy Ballantyne the news that Gwen Salmon led the scoring at 5,060 then Wally Ozog 4,940 and Julie Gray 4,600. There were two Small Slams over the morning by Lillian Mann partnered with Gerald Bergin and Alan and Glenna Bayliss.

July 26 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Bev Johnson 305, Vi Howell 284, Jean Scadden 277 and Clare Obdam 275. First for the gents at 337 was Jason Peacock followed by Ida Young 303, our reporter Betty Wagar 286 and Dorothy McElwain 232. Vi Howell won the major draw with Wayne Jones, Jesse Barlow and Jan Hueson claiming the smaller prizes. Single moonshots landed on Howard Smith, Clare Obdam, Theresa Deak, Wayne Jones, Warren Hueson and Jason Peacock with Ida Young and Bev Johnson each taking two.

July 27 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In North/South the leaders were Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane 56 percent, Rolly Forbert partnered with Judy Neumann 55.5 percent and Jim and Ruth Forrester 54.8 percent. With 69 percent Vange Croucher and Dave Robinson were first in East/West followed by Sue Pethick and Lenora Butler 58 percent and John and Mary Anderson 53 percent.

July 28 euchre at Minden Legion: Tom Grix reports that Reg Coulter and Jason Peacock held the most lone

hands with Theresa Deak and Wayne Farr posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Clara Miscio and Tom Orr while Jan Hueson, Ron Morrison, Al Arbuthnot and Wayne Farr took home the other prizes.

July 26 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Representing the ladies Dwaine Lloyd topped the charts at 303 then Marcy Morgan 249, Loretta Lamb 231 and Pearl Cowen 226. First for the gents at 283 was Warren Hueson followed by Jason Peacock 273, Al McMullen 268 and Kevin Maloney 234. Vi Howell held the hidden score while Marcel Roussel won the card draw and Jan Hueson the call 1. Bev Johnson further reports that Sharron Atkinson, Al McMullen, Doug McIntosh, Jason Peacock, Archie Ross, Betty Wagar and Kevin Maloney [2] claimed the moonshots. Bev Johnson also reminds that she teaches bid euchre on Friday afternoons at 1 p.m. at Staanworth Court. There is no charge and for more details give her a call at 705-286-3085.

July 29 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Nancy Jackson and Helen Baker 56 percent, Nettie Butterworth partnered with Ross Fletcher 55 percent and Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane 54 percent. At 59 percent Fran and Norm Smith led in East/West then Vange Croucher teamed with Dave Robinson 55 percent and Milton and Shirley Barry 52 percent. please note that there will not be bridge at Echo Hills on August 19th due to the Barbara Seagram presentation.

August 1 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Arthur Forbes, for lone hands our reporter Sherin Brown, for low hands Shirley Howe and for the special prize Jean Randell who was also celebrating her birthday.

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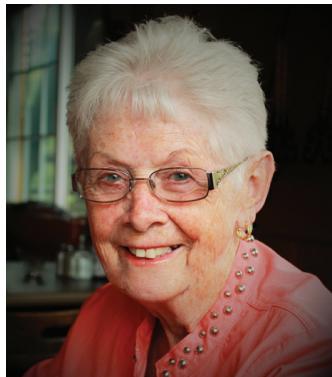
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It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Joanne Valentine (nee Conlon) on July 11, 2016 in her 81st year while visiting her special cousin Anna May (Doug) Jackson in Georgia.

Beloved wife and best friend of Robert Valentine for 60 years. Loving mother of Dale (Bernee), Rob-Anne (Peter) Vanderhout, Vicki (Earl) Davis. Much loved Grandma of Robbie (Danya), Megan, Mark, Andrew, Michelle (Andrew) & Larissa. Very special Gigi to Layla & Alanna. She will also be missed by her sisters and brothers Tom (Valerie) Conlon, Honey (Carol) Meloni, Jim (Sandra) Conlon & Dolly (Clicker) Taylor, sisters in law Lois Schenck & Joan Baird as well as many nieces and nephews and countless remarkable friends. Predeceased by her sister Shirley Paterson, brothers Joe (Lorraine) Conlon, Tim (Ann) Conlon and sister in law Margaret Christensen. Joanne loved to spend the winters at their condo in Florida, having happy hours with old and new friends alike.

She was an avid golfer, enjoyed boat rides on Mountain Lake and especially spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As an expression of sympathy, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society, Heart & Stroke or a charity of your choice.

Brown, Kenneth J.

KENNETH JAMES "Ken" BROWN, born May 12, 1925, in Toronto, Canada, son of Arthur and Evelyn (Ball) Brown, died July 20, 2016 in Charlottesville, Virginia where he lived since 1987.

A WWII veteran, Brown served throughout Europe in the Royal Canadian Army Combat Engineers. Attached to the British Army under the command of General Montgomery, his unit was amongst the Canadian forces to land on Juno Beach during the 1944 D-Day invasion of Normandy.

A lithographer by trade, he served as President of the Amalgamated Lithographers of America (later the Graphic Communications International Union), and as a Vice President of the AFL-CIO; both elected offices that he held until his retirement in 1985.

A long time cottager in the Haliburton Highlands and for almost a decade the writer of the popular *Minden Times* politically humorous column "From The Dock", Brown was also a Charter Member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 in Minden.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years Phyllis (Kelusky) Brown, his three daughters, 3 grandsons, and 4 great-grandchildren.

At his own request, he was cremated and his remains will return to Canada to rest at the Emmanuel United Church Cemetery in Maple Leaf, near Bancroft.



His family suggests that memorials may be given to the Minden Legion in honour of Spr. Brown, K.J. #B118702.

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